<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>:

Please cancel Claims 4, 5, 19, 20 and 33 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and amend Claims 1, 2, 6, 8 to 13, 15, 16, 21, 23 to 27, 29, 30 and 34 to 36 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A printing system, which continuously performs printing on a plurality of sheets based on print setting information including, at the least, information for designating an image to be printed, comprising:

<u>an</u> input <u>unit adapted to enter</u> ~~means for entering~~ image data that are to be printed;

<u>a</u> printing <u>unit adapted to print</u> ~~means for printing~~ said image data entered by said input <u>unit</u> ~~means~~;

<u>a</u> storage <u>unit adapted to</u> ~~means for~~, when printing based on said print setting information is <u>interrupted due to reduction of a power capacity</u> ~~halted~~, <u>store</u> ~~storing~~ interrupt information concerning the printing completed before the interrupt; and

<u>a</u> control <u>unit adapted to employ</u> ~~means for employing~~ said interrupt information stored in said storage <u>unit</u> ~~means~~ to resume printing based on said print setting information.

2. (Currently amended) A printing system according to claim 1, wherein said input <u>unit</u> ~~means~~ enters image data from an external digital camera.

3. (Original) A printing system according to claim 1, wherein said print setting information includes a job for printing a plurality of image types.

4. and 5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) A printing system according to claim 1, wherein said printing unit ~~print means~~ is battery-operated.

7. (Original) A printing system according to claim 2, wherein said interrupt information is recorded in a non-volatile memory provided for said digital camera.

8. (Currently amended) A printing system according to claim 1, wherein said control unit ~~means~~ includes[[:]] an examining unit adapted to examine ~~examination means for examining~~ whether said print setting ~~setup~~ information has been changed before and after said interrupt.

9. (Currently amended) A printing system according to claim 8, wherein, when said examining unit ascertains ~~examination means ascertained~~ that said print setting information has been changed, said control unit ~~means~~ does not resume printing based on said interrupt information.

10. (Currently amended) A printing system according to claim 1, wherein said interrupt information is updated each time an image is printed on one sheet, and the updated information is recorded in said storage unit ~~means~~.

11. (Currently amended) A printing system according to claim 1, which is connected to said digital camera via a connection cable having a power feed line, wherein said printing unit ~~print means~~ receives power from the power source of said digital camera along said connection cable.

12. (Currently amended) A printing system according to claim 1, wherein said control unit ~~means~~ includes[[:]] a determining unit adapted to determine ~~determination means for determining~~ whether said memory card has been replaced before and after said interrupt.

13. (Currently amended) A printing system according to claim 12, wherein, when said determining unit ~~determination means~~ determines that said memory card has been replaced, printing is not resumed based on said interrupt information.

14. (Original) A printing system according to claim 12, wherein the replacement of said memory card includes a case where information stored on said memory card has been changed.

15. (Currently amended) A printing system according to claim 1, wherein, when printing is halted by said printing unit ~~means~~ while an image is currently being output on one sheet of recording paper, said recording sheet on which printing is incomplete is discharged.

16. (Currently amended) A printing method, for continuously performing printing on a plurality of sheets based on print setting information including, at the least, information for designating an image to be printed, comprising:

an input step of entering image data that are to be printed;

a printing step of printing said image data entered in [[at]] said input step;

a storage step of, when printing based on said print setting information is interrupted due to reduction of a power capacity ~~halted~~, storing interrupt information concerning the printing completed before the interrupt; and

a control step of employing said interrupt information stored in [[at]] said storage step to resume printing based on said print setting information.

17. (Original) A printing method according to claim 16, wherein, at said input step, image data is entered from an external digital camera.

18. (Original) A printing method according to claim 16, wherein said print setting information includes a job for printing a plurality of image types.

19. and 20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended) A printing method according to claim 16, wherein said printing print step is performed by a battery-operated printer.

22. (Original) A printing method according to claim 17, wherein said interrupt information is recorded in a non-volatile memory provided for said digital camera.

23. (Currently amended) A printing method according to claim 16, wherein [[at]] said control step includes[[:]] an examining examination step of examining whether said print setting setup information has been changed before and after said interrupt.

24. (Currently amended) A printing method according to claim 23, wherein, when it is ascertained in [[at]] said examining examination step that said print setting information has been changed, in [[at]] said control step, printing based on said interrupt information is not resumed.

25. (Currently amended) A printing method according to claim 16, wherein said interrupt information is updated each time an image is printed on one sheet, and the updated information is recorded in [[at]] said storage step.

26. (Currently amended) A printing method according to claim 16, wherein said control step includes[[:]] a determining determination step of determining whether said memory card has been replaced before and after said interrupt.

27. (Currently amended) A printing method according to claim 26, wherein, when it is ascertained in [[at]] said determining determination step that said memory card has been replaced, printing is not resumed based on said interrupt information.

28. (Original) A printing method according to claim 26, wherein the replacement of said memory card includes a case where information stored on said memory card has been changed.

29. (Currently amended) A printing method according to claim 16, wherein, when printing is halted in [[at]] said printing step while an image is currently being output on one sheet of recording paper, said recording sheet on which printing is incomplete is discharged.

30. (Currently amended) A digital camera, which continuously performs printing on a plurality of sheets based on print setting information including, at the least, information for designating an image to be printed, comprising:

an image pickup unit means;

an input unit adapted to enter means for entering said print setting information;

an output unit adapted to output means for outputting image data to a printer based on said print setting information;

a first storage unit adapted to store means for storing said image data;

a second storage unit adapted to ~~means for~~, when printing based on said

print setting information is interrupted due to reduction of a power capacity ~~halted~~, storing

interrupt information concerning the printing completed before the interrupt; and

a control unit adapted to employ ~~means for employing~~ said interrupt

information stored in said second storage unit ~~means~~ to resume printing based on said print

setting information.

31. (Original) A digital camera according to claim 30, with which said

printer is integrally formed.

32. (Original) A digital camera according to claim 30, which is

battery-operated.

33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently amended) A storage medium on which stored is a

computer-readable program for continuously performing printing on a plurality of sheets

based on print setting information including, at the least, information for designating an

image to be printed, said computer-readable program comprising:

an input step of entering image data that are to be printed;

a printing step of printing said image data entered in [[at]] said input step;

a storage step of, when printing based on said print setting information is interrupted due to reduction of a power capacity halted, storing interrupt information concerning the printing completed before the interrupt; and

a control step of employing said interrupt information stored in [[at]] said storage step to resume printing based on said print setting information.

35. (Currently amended) A computer-readable Computer-executable program instructions stored on a computer-readable storage medium, for causing a computer to execute a printing method for continuously performing printing on a plurality of sheets based on print setting information including, at the least, information for designating an image to be printed, comprising:

an input step of entering image data that are to be printed;

a printing step of printing said image data entered in [[at]] said input step;

a storage step of, when printing based on said print setting information is interrupted due to reduction of a power capacity halted, storing interrupt information concerning the printing completed before the interrupt; and

a control step of employing said interrupt information stored in [[at]] said storage step to resume printing based on said print setting information.

36. (Currently amended) A print control apparatus, for controlling a printer in order to continuously output an image on a plurality of sheets based on print setting information including, at the least, information for designating an image to be printed, comprising:

an output unit adapted to output ~~means for outputting~~ image data to a printer based on said print setting information;

a storage control unit adapted to ~~means for~~, when printing based on said print setting information is interrupted due to reduction of a power capacity ~~halted~~, store ~~storing~~, in a memory, interrupt information concerning the printing completed before the interrupt; and

a control unit adapted to employ ~~means for employing~~ said interrupt information stored by said storage control unit ~~means~~ to resume printing based on said print setting information.